I. County-Wide Plan for Older Adults Implementation Update

Randy Morris, Assistant Agency Director, Social Services Agency and Eileen Ng, Policy Director, Health Care Services Agency, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Countywide Plan for Older Adults Implementation Plan.

The Social Services Agency and the Health Care Services Agency continue to work collaboratively to prioritize the needs of older adults.

Accomplishments in Older Adult Programs and Services
- Legislative tracking and advocacy
- Senior injury prevention, including new resource guide & 2nd year of evidence-based practice
- Homelessness: expanded access to IHSS, public/private action on encampments
- Collaboration with San Francisco County – palliative care/hospice steering committee
- Working with safety net on older adult concerns
- Expanded services: Home visitation nurse case management, advance health care planning, meals and nutrition
- AC Care Connect (Whole Person Care Pilot) to include elements for older adults

The Board of Supervisors directed staff to explore alternatives to their proposal for a new Board appointed commission.

The new proposal is an Agency-led Working Group, which would not be subject to the Brown Act, with appointments to the group by the Agency head. The working group does not require a Board action and would create linkages to the Aging Commission. The working group would report to the Board of Supervisors as requested.

Speaker

Wendy Peterson thanked the Board and the Agencies for their work on the County-wide plan for Older Adults. She supports the Agency-led working group.

Purpose:
- Report progress
- Advocacy or Education
- Request Social Services Committee Recommendation or Position
- Other:
Recommendation from the Social Services Committee: The Social Services Committee supports the new proposal for the Agency-led Working Group. The Group will provide updates to the Committee every 6 months.

II. Commission Updates

Advisory Commission on Aging

Donna Murphy, Chair, Advisory Commission on Aging, presented a PowerPoint presentation to update the Committee on the Commission’s activities.

There are 21 positions on the commission with three current vacancies. The Commission continues to engage in discussion regarding the next steps for the County-wide Plan for Older Adults. Site visits include: Vietnamese-American Community Center, Life Elder Care, Mastick Senior Center. Commission goals for fiscal year 2017/18 include coordinated activities with the Aging Council, legislative advocacy and to develop emergency preparedness project for at-risk older adults.

Human Relations Commission

Danielle McCurry, Chair and Njeri McGee-Tyner, Vice Chair, Human Relations Commission presented PowerPoint presentation on the Commission’s activities.

The Commission has established a connection with County legislative and policy staff to keep informed about County support or opposition of state legislation that will impact County residents.

Goals

- Planning celebratory and recognition events
- Develop and implement a plan for ongoing partnerships with the Interfaith Council as well as expanding interfaith work throughout Alameda County
- Develop research and/or educational opportunities for the public on various social issues prevalent in Alameda County

Accomplishments

- Co-sponsor – Tri City World Interfaith Harmony Day, Niles Discovery Church, Fremont, CA
- Human Relations Commission 2nd Annual Awards Luncheon
- Connected with the California Association of Human Relations Organizations to collaborate on cross county community forums focused on information and opportunities for immigrant communities
- Outreach to Alameda County Sheriff’s Office in an effort to develop community forums throughout the County focused on police and community relations
- Community Alliance Workgroup in partnership with Castro Valley Unified School District

Commission on the Status of Women

Lucy Hernandez, Member at Large, presented a PowerPoint presentation to update the Committee on the Commission’s activities.

Outreach

- Attended the 13th Annual African Student Achievement and Excellence Awards
- Human Relations Commission Excellence Awards Luncheon
- Documentary screening on domestic violence awareness and human trafficking awareness
- Junior Commission on the Status of Women presentation on teen dating violence
John White, Chair, Veteran’s Affairs Commission, presented a PowerPoint presentation to update the Committee on the Commission’s activities.

Opportunities

- Naming of streets in the proposed Alameda Point Clinic and Burial Ground
- Petition seeking support from the Honorable Barbara Lee to name Alameda Point after the late Commissioner Mark Chandler
- Sub-clinic naming opportunities
- Tracking clinic funding and construction cycles

Outreach activities

- 50th Vietnam Commemorations – honoring veterans who serviced during the Vietnam War – November 1955 to May 1975
- Oakland 100 – commemorating 100 veterans from Oakland, CA, who lost their lives while serving in the Vietnam War

Purpose:

- Report progress
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- Request Social Services Committee Recommendation or Position
- Other:

This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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